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SUB: OBSERVERS FOR VIETNAMESE ELECTIONS

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1. IN CONVERSATION WITH POLITICAL COUNSELOR JULY 21, FONMIN DO SAID LETTER OF INVITATION DATED JULY 20 HAS BEEN SENT TO HEAD OF GVN MISSION TO UN (NGUYEN HUU CHI) FOR TRANSMITTAL TO US SYG U THANT. HE SAID THAT GVN WOULD MAKE LETTER PUBLIC AS SOON AS IT RECEIVED INFORMATION OF ITS DELIVERY TO U THANT. TEXT OF LETTER IS BEING SENT TO DEPARTMENT AND USUN BY SEPTEL.

2. DO SAID INVITATIONS ARE ALSO BEING SENT TO LOCAL DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AND TO ALL COUNTRIES IN WHICH GVN HAS REPRESENTATION. HE ALSO SAID THAT OPEN IVITIATION WILL BE ISSUED TO PRESS NEXT WEEK.

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3. WITH RESPECT TO INVITING PARLIAMENTARY OBSERVERS, BOTH THIEU AND KY REACTED FAVORABLY TO THIS SUGGESTION BY THE AMBASSADOR WHEN HE SAW THEM RECENTLY. DO ALSO THOUGHT IT WOULD BE DESIREABLE. HE ASSUMED THAT THE GVN SHOULD EXTEND INVITATIONS TO PRESIDENTS OF PARLIAMENTS IN TROOP-CONTRIBUTING COUNTRIES AND POSSIBLY ALSO TO OTHER FRIENDLY ASIA NATIONS. WE WILL PURSUE THIS IDEA FURTHER AND SEEK TO STIMULATE COOPERATIVE ACTION BY DIRECTORATE AND ASSEMBLY IN EXTENDING ANY INVITATIONS.

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